Statement

Details of beneficiaries of PMRY in the State of Rajasthan During the last three years.

Years	Target (Plan) (Nos.)	Application Received by banks (Nos.)	Applicatrion Sanctioned by banks (Nos.)	Application Disbursed by banks (Nos.)	Estimated employment generated#
1	2	3	4	5	6
2003-04	8100	28400	15654	12769	19154
2004-05	9100	29533	16429	12919	19379
2005-06*	9328	28842	16982	13875	20813
Total	26528	86855	49065	39563	59343

Source: RBI

* Provisional

\# estimated employment generated @ 1.5 per case disbursed.

Removal of wastes by Union Carbide

†1986. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the poisonous wastes of Union Carbide has not been even removed till date since the date of the Bhopal gas tragedy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the extent of damage to the environment due to the above poisonous wastes; and

(d) the responsibility of removing the poisonous wastage is with whom and by when it would be removed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI. B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) and (b) Approximately 350 MT of different types of toxic wastes and approximately 40 MT of Lime Sludge are lying as stored toxic wastes at the Union Carbide plant site at Bhopal.

(c) The toxic wastes have led to contamination of ground water and soil in the around the UCIL plant site.

(d) The High Court of Madhya Pradesh has constituted a Task Force for monitoring the process of the removal of the chemical wastes lying in and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

around the UCIL premises while hearing the Public Interest Litigation (PIL) filed in Writ Petition No. 2802/2004 in the High Court. The Secretary (C&PC) is the chairperson of the Task force and the Principal Secretary, Bhopal Gas Tragedy, Relief and Rehabilitation Department, Government of Madhya Pradesh is the Coordinator. The High Court is regularly monitoring the progress made by the Task Force. The Task Force has recommended that approximately 350 MT of various toxic wastes may be sent for incineration at the incinerator at Ankleshwar, Gujarat and approximately 40 MT of Lime Sludge may be sent to the Transportation, Storage and Disposal Facility at Pithampur, near Indore, As per the provisions of the Hazardous Wastes (Management and Handling) Rules, 1989, framed under the Environment Protection Act, 1986, the State Pollution Control Board is the executive agency for environmental remediation.

Price reduction of medicines

1987. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government feel that the earliest reduction in prices of 886 drugs would bring much needed succour to the masses who spend only 15 per cent of total healthcare on drugs;

(b) whether most of these 886 drugs belong to doctor/chemist promoted generics category;

(c) whether any of these drugs, subjected to 75 per cent cut in prices enjoy only a market share of less than 5 per cent; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken to make pharma industry-doctor relationship more transparent and patient-friendly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) Yes, Sir. Reduction in prices of drugs would definitely bring some relief to the masses. A list of 886 medicines whose prices were voluntarily agreed to be reduced by 11 companies covers formulations in all dosage forms such as tablets, capsules and syrups, etc. and they find usage in the treatment of a large number of diseases. The medicines covered are antibiotics, cough syrups, painkillers as well as those used during the surgical operations, for the cure of the infectious diseases and for the treatment of hypertension etc.